

**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

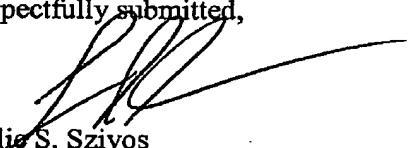
In the present Official Action, Claims 1-43, which are present in the above-captioned application have been subjected to a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to an interconnect structure, classified in Class 257, subclass 757;
- II. Claims 24-35, drawn to a method of generating a multilayered dielectric diffusion barrier layer, classified in Class 438, subclass 618; and
- III. Claiming 36-43, drawn to a composition for generating a multilayered dielectric diffusion barrier, classified in Class 438, subclass 426.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-23, and reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application, i.e., Claims 24-43.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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